



Reading Certificates and Reading and Language Arts Specialist Credentials Issued May 2009

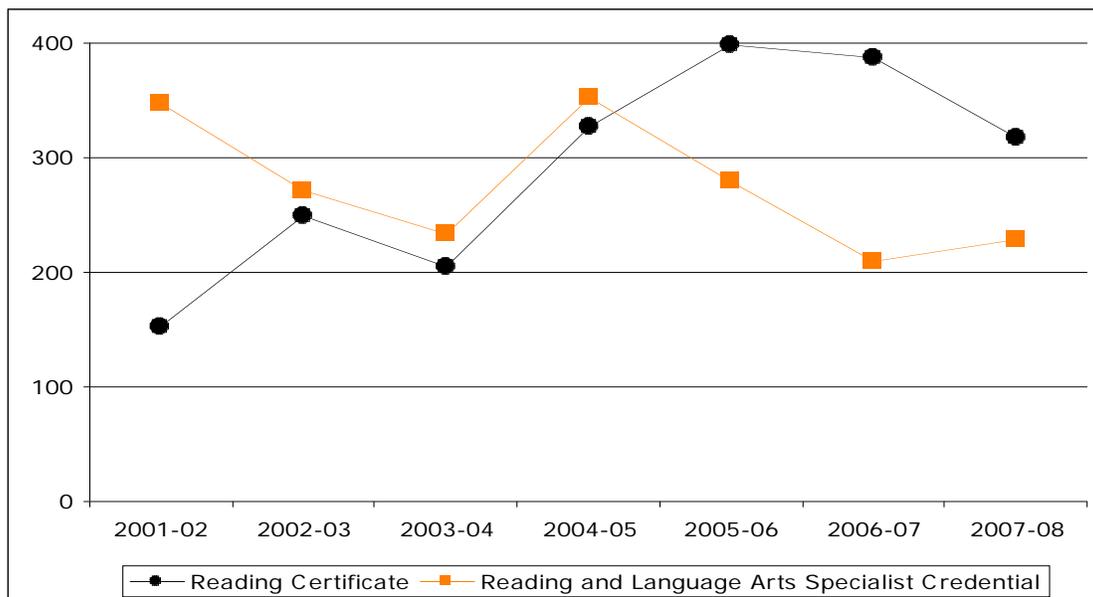
The Reading Certificate authorizes the holder to assess student reading and provide reading instruction in response to those assessments. Reading Certificate holders are also authorized to develop, implement, and adapt the reading content curriculum and assist classroom teachers in these areas. Holders of the Reading Certificate may perform those services at one or more school sites at the grade levels authorized by their prerequisite teaching credential.

The Reading and Language Arts Specialist Credential authorizes the holder to provide the following services as a reading specialist in any grade level K-12 or in classes organized for adults:

- Assist and support the classroom teacher in reading instruction and teaching strategies
- Select and adapt reading instruction materials; plan and conduct reading staff development
- Assess student progress and monitor student achievement in reading
- Provide direct reading intervention work with students
- Develop and coordinate reading programs at the school, district, or county level

In 2007-08, the Commission issued more than 300 Reading Certificates and more than 200 Language Arts Specialist Credentials. The number of Reading Certificates issued more than doubled (108%) between 2001-02 and 2007-08 (e.g., 153 certificates in 2001-02 and 318 in 2007-08.) The number of Reading and Language Arts Specialist Credentials issued fluctuated substantially during the past seven years, with an overall decrease of 34% (e.g., 348 in 2001-02 to 229 in 2007-08.)

Number of Reading Certificates and Reading and Language Arts Specialist Credentials Issued: 2001-02 to 2007-08



In 2007-08, more than half (59%) of the Reading Certificates were issued by Private Colleges and Universities, 22% by the University of California programs, and 19% by the California State University programs. By contrast, a majority of the Reading and Language Arts Specialist credentials (85%) were issued by California State University, 13% by Private Colleges and Universities and only 2% by University of California.